

The Worship of God

April 17, 2014

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Six Thirty O'Clock

*In preparation for this service of worship, meditate upon
the hymn printed on the cover of the order of worship.*

ORGAN PRELUDE: Were You There Emma Lou Diemer

CHORAL INTROIT O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call answer me. Come and listen to me. The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God: God, the wellspring of life.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 210: "Ah, Holy Jesus" HERZLIEBSTER JESU
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation day after day.

Minister: Sing a new song of sorrow,

People: For our hearts bear the weight of Jesus' suffering and death.

Minister: Sing a new song of trust,

People: For we are called to travel this road toward the cross with him.

Minister: Sing a new song of mercy,

People: For the One who carries our griefs and the weight of our sin offers redemption for us all.

All: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation day after day.

CHORAL ADORATION Theodore Dubois

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee for ever;
for on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.

THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 12:1-14

* HYMN 195: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" HAMBURG

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 26:17-30

HOMILY: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross: Singing at the Cross" Dr. Wright

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION Richard Farrant

Choir: Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives. To decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee, now and evermore. Amen.

All: O God, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. Forgive us, we pray,

Choir: That we may walk in a perfect heart before thee, now and evermore.

All: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven. Forgive us, we pray,

Choir: That we may walk in a perfect heart before thee, now and evermore.

All: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives. We confess our self indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people. Forgive us, we pray,

Choir: That we may walk in a perfect heart before thee, now and evermore.

All: We ask that your grace and mercy be upon us to forgive our sins, to heal our brokenness, to change our ways, and to bring pardon and peace through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Choir: That we may walk in a perfect heart before thee, now and evermore. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE APPROACH TO THE TABLE:

UBI CARITAS

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity; God will dwell with you.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

You are invited to come forward to receive communion. Forming two lines, please use the center aisle as you approach the altar and the side aisles as you return to your seat. If you prefer to remain seated, a Deacon will serve you. This evening we will take the bread and the cup by intinction, dipping the bread into the common cup. You will take a piece of bread from the plate offered by a Deacon and dip it into the chalice offered by one of the ministers. You may then place the bread in your mouth. A common response when taking communion is to say, "Thanks be to God." or a simple, "Amen."

THE PASSION READING: Matthew 26:36-56

* HYMN 202: "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" PASSION CHORALE

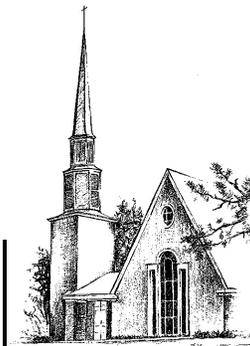
THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE LIGHTS

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Stay With Us" Egil Hovland

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us, it soon is evening, and night is falling. Jesus Christ, the world's true light! Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it! Stay with us, Lord Jesus, it soon is evening. Stay with us, Lord Jesus, for night is falling. Let your light pierce the darkness and fill your church with its glory.

DEPARTURE IN SILENCE

* Congregation stands.



THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Eliza Craig Parker
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist
Charlie Lane
Torch Bearer

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Will Hedgepeth
Crucifer

*When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the cross of Christ, my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Isaac Watts, 1707

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